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SUBJ: SOVIET EMBASSY LINKAGE OF FRANKEL-UKHLIN VISAS

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1. AS DEPT AWARE, WILDAVSKY VISA CASES WERE PENDING AT SAME TIME DRAFT AIDE MEMOIRE PROTESTING FRANKEL TURN-DOWN WAS BEING DISCUSSED AND PREPARED. EMBASSY MARCH 25 LEARNED WILDAVSKY RECEIVED VISAS AT SOVIET EMBASSY BUCHAREST AND PROCEEDED WITH WILDAVSKY LECTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. WHEN MIN HIGHER ED BALKED AT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR AUTHORIZING LECTURE AT LENINGRAD UNIVERSITY (WHICH USUALLY REQUIRES CLEARANCE FROM MOSCOW) EMBASSY WENT TO MFA CULTURAL DIVISION. MFA CULT DIV READILY AGREED TO CALL MIN HIGHER ED TO APPROVE LECTURE SERIES, ON SAME DAY AIDE MEMOIRE WAS READY TO FORWARD TO MINISTRY. SINCE ALL SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND INSTITUTIONS AT THAT POINT WERE COOPERATING FULLY WITH WILDAVSKY PROGRAM, IN A NEW AND DELICATE FIELD, EMBASSY HELD AIDE MEMOIRE UNTIL WILDAVSKY ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.

3. NOW THAT WILDAVSKY HAS LEFT MOSCOW FOR LENINGRAD AFTER
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EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, AND DEPT HAS RAISED FRANKEL

VISA PROBLEM WITH SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON, EMBASSY FEELS
THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER TO BE GAINED BY SENDING PROTEST IN
MOSCOW. QUICK ISSUANCE OF WILDAVSKY VISA IN BUCHAREST SUGGESTS
MAIN, IF NOT TOTAL, HOLD-UP ON FRANKEL WAS IN WASHINGTON, AND
WORKING ATMOSPHERE ON STAGS HERE NOW IS SUFFICIENTLY GOOD TO
SUGGEST THERE IS NO WAY TO GO BUT DOWN THROUGH CONTINUED
HASSLE OVER FRANKEL. THIS, IF DEPT HAS NO OBJECTION, EMBASSY
WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION ON FRANKEL PROTEST.
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